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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOLMES COUNTY,

KAJARIUS ANDERSON; D'VONTE PEPPERS; AVON COFFER; AND KAMECHIE COFFER MAR G 3 2017
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CIVIL ACTION NO.: 20/7-0023

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TCHULA MISSISSIPPI POLICE DEPARTMENT;
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(in his individual and official capacity); MAYOR
ZULA PATTERSON (In her official capacity);
AND JOHN DOE DEFENDANTS 1-5

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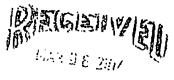
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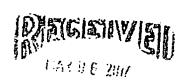
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- 23. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporates herein the foregoing allegations of this Complaint as if set forth herein in their entirety.
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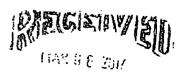
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- (c) otherwise depriving Plaintiffs of his constitutional and statutory rights, privileges, and immunities.
- 39. Defendants had knowledge or, had they diligently exercised that duties to instruct, supervise, control, and discipline on a continuing basis, should have had knowledge that the wrongs conspired to be done, as heretofore alleged, were about to be committed. Defendants had power to prevent or aid in preventing the commission of said wrongs, could have done so by reasonable diligence, and knowingly, recklessly, or with gross negligence failed or refused to do so.
- 40. Defendants directly or indirectly, under color of law, approved or ratified the unlawful, deliberate, malicious, reckless, and wanton conduct of Defendant police officers heretofore described.
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Violation of Civil Rights Pursuant to Title 42 U.S.C. §1983 (Failure to Intervene)

- 42. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates herein the foregoing allegations of this Complaint as if set forth herein in their entirety.
- 43. At all times material hereto, Defendant John Doe had a duty to intervene while witnessing a deprivation of certain constitutionally protected rights under the Constitution of the United States.
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 Defendants' breach was the proximate cause of the injuries and damages sustained by the Plaintiff.

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- 46. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates the foregoing allegations of this Complaint as if set forth herein in their entirety.
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- 4. For punitive damages sufficient to punish Defendants for their egregious conduct and to deter Defendants from ever repeating such atrocities; and
- 5. For all other relief to which Plaintiff asserts are entitled by Mississippi and Federal law.
- 48. Plaintiff reserve the right to amend and state further with respect to their damages.

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- 49. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates herein the foregoing allegations of this Complaint as if set forth herein in their entirety.
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VIII.

RIGHT TO AMEND PURSUANT TO MISS. R. CIV. P. 15



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51. Pursuant to Rule 15 of the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff reserves the right to name additional Defendants should later facts establish that others are liable herein.

IX.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

52. Plaintiff demands a jury trial.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff prays that upon final trial hereof they be entitled to take, have and recover, of and from said Defendants attorney's fees and the above damages, including actual, economic, non-economic, compensatory, exemplary, punitive, pre-judgment interest, post-judgment interest, costs of Court, and for such other and further relief to which they may show themselves to be justly entitled.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this the 27 day of January 2017.

KAJARIUS ANDERSON; D'VONTE PEPPERS; AVON COFFER; AND KAMECHIE COFFER

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I, Earline Wright Hart, Clerk of the Circuit Court of
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GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this the 8th day

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- 50. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 11-1-65 and Title 42 U.S.C. §1983, inasmuch as the conduct of Defendants herein constitutes a willful, wanton, egregious and reckless disregard for the rights and safety of the Plaintiff, an award of punitive damages is appropriate and necessary under these facts.

VIII.

RIGHT TO AMEND PURSUANT TO MISS. R. CIV. P. 15

51. Pursuant to Rule 15 of the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff reserves the right to name additional Defendants should later facts establish that others are liable herein.

IX.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

52. Plaintiff demands a jury trial.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff prays that upon final trial hereof they be entitled to take, have and recover, of and from said Defendants attorney's fees and the above damages, including actual, economic, non-economic, compensatory, exemplary, punitive, pre-judgment interest, post-judgment interest, costs of Court, and for such other and further relief to which they may show themselves to be justly entitled.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this the <u>27</u> day of January 2017.

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PLAINTIFF

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2017-0023

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DEFENDANTS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO:

Town of Tchula Tchula, MS

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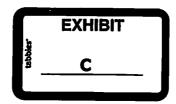
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NOTICE OF FILING NOTICE OF REMOVAL

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

Defendants, the Town of Tchula, Mississippi, Tchula Mississippi Police Department, Chief Kenneth Hampton, in his individual and official capacity, and Mayor Zula Patterson, in her official capacity, (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Defendants"), hereby give notice that on March 13, 2017 a Notice of Removal of this action was conventionally filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, Northern Division. A true and correct copy of the Notice of Removal is attached hereto as "Exhibit A."



THIS, the 13th day of March, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

BY:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, JASON T. MARSH, do hereby certify that I have this date mailed through the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing NOTICE OF FILING NOTICE OF REMOVAL to the following counsel of record:

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Honorable Jannie M. Lewis Holmes County Circuit Court P.O. Box 149 Lexington MS 39095

HOLMES COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

SO CERTIFIED, this the 13th day of March, 2017.

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